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## ***Emergency assistance to clients of faltering CPC Health...***

### **COUNCIL APPROVES \$445,000 TO ADDRESS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS**

The Montgomery County Council today voted unanimously to allocate \$445,000 in emergency assistance to help with transition costs for mental health clients of CPC Health, whose closing is imminent. CPC Health serves 4,000 patients and is currently in bankruptcy proceedings.

The County funds will match \$445,000 in State funds redirected within the County's Department of Health and Human Services.

"We cannot allow the closing of CPC Health to leave some of our most vulnerable residents and their families without the care they need," said Council President Blair Ewing. "We have a moral and a practical obligation to step up to the plate."

"We have a mental health crisis in this County – one that doesn't begin or end with the CPC Health troubles. The State has not met its responsibility and, in fact, shows a deficit in its Medicaid and a shortfall in mental health funding. We have to address this need now. And we have to press the State to do more."

The Council also called on the State today to act to review fully and completely the operations of the State mental health system, including its structure, funding, organization, and delivery of services.

"In my opinion, we need to do much more than what we've done today," said Council President Ewing. "This, however, is a critical short-term step to address a critical emergency."

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